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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 1, 2004 NOTICE REGARDING  
DRAWINGS

This Communication is submitted in response to an April 1, 2004 Notice Regarding Drawings issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the April 1, 2004 Notice Regarding Drawings is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the April 1, 2004 Notice is due June 1, 2004. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Formal Drawings

The April 1, 2004 Notice Regarding Drawings indicates that, the corrected drawings received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 20, 1999, are still not acceptable. In the April 1, 2004 Notice, the Examiner required applicants to submit new formal drawings including the drawing corrections specified in the April 1, 2004 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. The April 1, 2004 Drawing Review stated that for Figures 1 - 5, 7, 8 and 9 the

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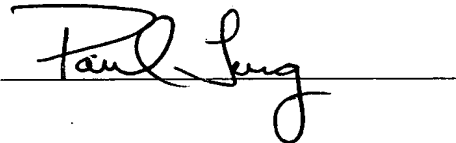
left margin is not acceptable, for Figures 1 - 9 the lines, numbers and letters are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black, also the numbers and reference characters are not plain and legible and the figure legends are poor, and for Figures 3, 4 and 6 the solid black shading are not permitted.

In response, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit B** five (5) sheets of new, corrected formal drawings for Figures 1 to 9.

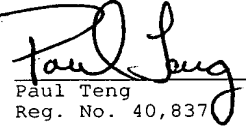
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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